**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE ALBERT J. “A. J.” DOOLEY, SR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTY‑FOURTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are delighted to learn that A. J. Dooley will celebrate his eighty‑fourth birthday on June 10, 2014; and

Whereas, born in the early part of the twentieth century, he has witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that have spanned the globe from that time into the second decade of the twenty‑first century; and

Whereas, a lifelong resident of Lexington County, Mr. Dooley graduated from Lexington High School in 1947 and then earned a bachelor’s from the University of South Carolina. In 1954, he earned a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, that same year, he opened his law practice on Main Street in Lexington, which has now grown into The Dooley Law Firm, P.A., a firm with four attorneys and a support staff that has continued a proud tradition of legal service to Lexington and the surrounding area for sixty years. He continues to serve the firm as “Of Counsel” while remaining active in his community and church; and

Whereas, in addition to a distinguished legal career, Mr. Dooley also distinguished himself as a community servant, serving in the South Carolina House of Representatives for eight years and in the South Carolina Senate for six years; and

Whereas, active in the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and the Lexington Lions Club, he also has served on the Lexington County School District One Board and on the board of directors for The Lexington State Bank, Southern National Bank, and BB&T; and

Whereas, in 1978, Mr. Dooley was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the state’s highest civilian honor, by Governor James B. Edwards in recognition of his exemplary record of community service to the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, the late Connie S. Dooley, in 1951, and together they reared five fine children who have blessed him with ten adoring grandchildren; and

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly are pleased to honor this son of South Carolina at the celebration of his eighty‑fourth birthday and join with his family and friends in congratulating him on reaching this extraordinary milestone. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, congratulate Albert J. “A. J.” Dooley, Sr., of Lexington County, on the occasion of his eighty‑fourth birthday, and wish him a joyous birthday celebration and many years of continued health and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Albert J. “A. J.” Dooley, Sr.

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